

REMARKS**I. Introduction.**

Claims 1-13 are pending and stand rejected. The Office Action states that no priority document was attached to the transmittal letter mailed December 3, 2001. The Office Action also states that the Applicant has not complied with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.63(c). Claims 1-6 and 8-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a). Claims 1-4, 7, and 9-13 were the subject of another rejection under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a).

II. The Priority Claim.

The Applicants respectfully request that priority be granted.

A certified copy of the priority document was attached to the transmittal letter mailed December 3, 2001. Transmitted herewith as Exhibit "A" is a copy of the Applicants' return postcard which indicates that the transmittal letter of the priority document and the priority document were received by the Patent Office on February 11, 2002.

The Applicant has complied with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.63(c). Contrary to the statement in the Office Action, the Application Data Sheet faxed on December 3, 2001 does acknowledge the filing of a foreign application, at the bottom of page 4 of the same. A copy of the Application Data Sheet is transmitted herewith as Exhibit "B" with the reference to the foreign application circled.

III. The 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) Rejections.**A. The Rejection of Claims 1-6 and 8-13 in View of Wei, et al.**

Claims 1-6 and 8-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,245,729 issued to Wei, et al.

U.S. Patent 6,245,729 issued to Wei, et al. is directed to a system for forming and releasing an aqueous peracid solution. The Wei, et al. patent is directed to solving the problems of instability and difficulty in containing and shipping aqueous peracid solutions. The system includes a peracid forming composition and a container for containing the peracid-forming composition. The peracid forming composition includes a peracid precursor and a peroxygen source. The peracid precursor is preferably a component that is relatively nonreactive toward the peroxygen source under temperature conditions normally found during transportation and storage. The peracid precursor and peroxygen source, however, are very reactive toward each other when combined with water (liquid or vapor).

The peracid-forming composition preferably also contains a chemical heater that is capable of releasing heat upon hydration. The chemical heater is also preferably nonreactive with the peracid precursor and peroxygen source, and increases the temperature within the container when combined with water.

The Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended to specify that the first and second compositions are capable of generating heat by contacting each other without adding water during the process.

B. The Rejection of Claims 1-4, 7, and 9-13.

Claims 1-4, 7, and 9-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,068,665 issued to Calton, et al. in view of U.S. Patent 3,250,680 issued to Menkart, et al.

U.S. Patent 6,068,665 issued to Calton, et al. is directed to methods and compositions for removing stains from textile fabrics and fibers including carpets. The method involves mixtures of zeolites and imides. U.S. Patent 3,250,680 issued to Menkart, et al. is directed to a heat-generating cosmetic composition. The Office Action states that Calton teaches the removal of carpet stains by misting a carpet with water and then adding a composition comprising zeolite, and letting it stand until dry, and vacuuming it. The Office Action states that Menkart, et al. is applied for the teaching that zeolites react exothermically in the presence of water. The Office Action states that it would have been obvious to the skilled artisan that the process of applying water and zeolite to carpet to remove a stain used by Calton is an exothermal or heat generating process.

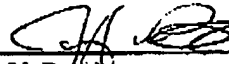
The Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn. The Calton, et al. reference discloses first wetting the dried stains with water prior to applying the zeolite/imide formulation. The combination of references does not render obvious a process of treating a fabric comprising the steps of applying, in any order, to said fabric a first and a second composition, wherein upon contact of said two compositions heat is generated wherein said first and second compositions are capable of generating heat by contacting each other without adding water during the process.

V. Summary.

The 35 U.S.C. Section 103 rejections have been addressed. In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Exhibit "A"

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Exhibit "B"

APPLICATION DATA SHEET**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

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Application Type	::	Regular
Subject Matter	::	Utility
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